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Turin, January 28. *N. S.*

OUR Duke has given Orders for the making of a Draught of 8000 Men out of the Militia to reinforce his Army. He has posted part of his Horse in a Line from Crescentino to this City, under the Command of General Feltz, and the rest are in Winter-quarters between Quieri and Carignan. His Royal Highness has also caused Redoubts to be built in several Places along the Po, and posted some Forces there to hinder the Enemies passing that River, and omits nothing that may contribute to the disappointing their Designs, particularly by the securing of his Comnication with Verue, the cutting off of which seems at present to be what they chiefly aim at. Their Works before that Town have been so much damaged by the badness of the Weather, as well as by the Cannon of the Place, that their time has been wholly taken up in repairing them; so that in a Month's time they have not been able to gain one Foot of Ground; and their Cannon being most of it become unserviceable, they have been obliged to send for more from Casal, to plant upon their Batteries. While this was doing, the Garison had an opportunity to repair their Breaches, and to cast up new Works behind them; and they frequently make Sallies, whereby the Enemy is kept in continual Alarm, to the great harasing and fatiguing of his Forces. They also ply the Enemy both day and night with Bombs and Stones, from 6 Mortars, which do great Execution. Several Deserters are come into the Town, who giving an Account, That the Enemy is preparing a great number of Scaling-Ladders, as if an Assault was designed, and the necessary Preparations are making for the preventing of any such Attempt.

From the French Camp before Verue, *Feb.* 2. The 20th past our Forces were for the most part employed in repairing the Damage which the Rains, the Snow, and the Thaw, which is the Weather we had for 5 or 6 days before, had done to our Works, and in placing Fascines in the bottom of our Trenches, which were so filled with Dirt, that it was almost impossible for our Soldiers to mount them. We also removed the Cannon of our Batteries on the Covered-way being unserviceable, except 4 pieces, to which were added as many Mortars, to throw Stones into the Enemies Works. The 21th, the bad Weather began again, and interrupted our Works till the 25th, when we began a new Redoubt on our Left, repaired our Damage, and carried on a Lodgment in the Ditch parallel to the Breaches. The 27th and the following days were spent in placing on our Batteries several Pieces of Cannon we had lately received from France: We also began a new Battery before the Redoubt above-mentioned. The Garison plying us incessantly with great Stones from their Mortars, which destroy abundance of our Men, the Duke of Vendosme has found it necessary to cover the head of his Trenches, where the Granadiers are posted, with a Work composed of Fascines and other Materials.

Vienna, Feb. 7. The Danube being frozen over, a Body of 16000 Malecontents passed that River the 3d instant at night, with a design, as is believed, to have surprized the Regiments of Cuiraſſiers of Hanover and Gronsfelt, which were marching to joyn the Imperial Army Commanded by General Heister; but upon notice thereof those two Regiments got into Altembourg. The Malecontents made an Excursion into the Neighbourhood of this City, and plundered and burnt several Villages; after which they marched back towards Newstadt. The Regiments of Hanover and Gronsfelt have since joined General Heister: The Regiment of Horse of Hesse Darmstadt passed by here two days ago, being ordered likewise to reinforce him, and will be shortly followed by the Regiments of Foot of Tollet and Salm from Bavaria. We hear that Count Forgatsch, with the Body of Malecontents under his Command, has lately made an Attempt upon Giula, but was repulsed; and that the Counts Caroli and Esterhasi, with another Body of them, lately made an Excursion into Transilvania, but were soon obliged to retire by a Body of the regular Forces and Militia of that Province, which had been drawn together to oppose them.

Hague, Febr. 20. *N. S.* The States of Holland and Westfriseland having sent to the States-General their Resolution for the employing of 2500 Land Forces to serve on Board the Fleet, adjourned on the 14th instant for a Month. The several Colleges of the Admiralty are hastening with all possible Expedition the fitting out of our Fleet for the next Summer's Service; and we are assured that the Men of War which are making ready at Amsterdam, will sail for Lisbon by the middle of next Month, against which time the Merchants have notice to have in a readiness the Ships they design to send thither under their Convoy. The Council of State has altered their Resolution as to the Command of their Forces on the Moselle, having named Monsieur Obdam to be their General on that side; But this Resolution being brought to the States-General for their Approbation, the Deputies of the Province of Utrecht opposed it, and the Matter is not yet determined. Monsieur Slangenbourg is appointed to Command our Forces on the Maese under Monsieur d'Auverquerque. The States-General lately came to a Resolution, To send a Letter to his Grace the Duke of Marlborough, desiring him to hasten his return into these Countries, his Presence being judged very necessary for the Advancement of the Common Cause. They write from Paris, That according to their Advices from Madrid of the 30th past, the Siege of Gibraltar went on but slowly, by reason of the Rigour of the Season, and the continual Fire made by the Garison; That on the 20th, one English and four Dutch Ships had brought into the Town a Supply of Ammunition; That on the 22d, a Detachment of French Granadiers arrived in the Camp before that Place, which were followed by some other Troops Commanded by the Marquis of Thoy; and on the 25th, by 400 Men more from Cadiz; And that the Marshal de Tesse was gone from Madrid in order to see what Prospect there was of carrying on the Siege to any purpose.

Bristol, Febr. 7. On the 4th Instant came in here the Hawk-Galley of this Port, George Knight Master, from Madera. Yesterday arrived here the Hope-Galley, Richard Davies Commander, from Leghorne, but last

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